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WHOLE NO. 568

## Tri-County League Meets at S. L. O.; Roosevelt Speaks

Meeting of the Tri-County Labor League for Political Education was held Aug. 14, at 10 a.m. in San Luis Obispo, where the group heard James Roosevelt, Democratic National Committeeman for California and possible candidate for governor next year, speak at a Democratic rally.

In spite of the change in date and the morning hour, union members from the Tri-County area made the trip, even in from Ventura, for the 10 o'clock session in Carpenter's Hall at San Luis Obispo. In the absence of William Dean, president, B. W. Oberholser of San Luis Obispo, served as temporary chairman, with Secretary John J. McKay taking the minutes.

### CANDIDATES

There was some discussion of possible candidates for the 11th District Congressional post, and considerable discussion also of the urgent need to see that the incumbent, Congressman Ernest Bramblett, will be replaced by someone who will vote favorably on measures to give labor and the people at large a fair break.

Cliff Jameson, of Teamsters 186, AFL, Santa Barbara, was among those who stressed the urgency of strong, united action now and continuously until election time.

"Bramblett voted NO on the Minimum Wage bill," Cliff pointed out, enumerating various other measures on which the incumbent also has opposed labor.

One way to further activity, Cliff suggested, is to get more locals affiliated with the Political Education movement.

Others emphasized the same need, because although many locals throughout the three counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura have affiliated with the Tri-County League and are taking an active part, there are still other locals that have yet to send their delegates—and their dues.

B. W. Oberholser urged that every member take a report of the Tri-County League meetings and activities back to his local and tell them the need for full support in the coming election battle.

Pat Patterson, of Seaside, Democratic Committeeman of Monterey County, was present and spoke forcefully.

### NEED MONEY

"In order to be effective, you need money," Patterson declared, suggesting that Bingo parties and such affairs provide fun and also funds.

"Attend every meeting and keep informed," Patterson urged also. "The 33rd Assembly race this time is very important, most important in California in 20 years.

"On this next Assembly will rest the responsibility of redistricting the state, now grown to be second largest in the country. California should be entitled to five or six more congressmen."

As immediate steps, Patterson suggested, "Find potential candidates, check their records."

Patterson also enumerated some of the many "bad" votes of Bramblett, such as against the reciprocal trade agreements, minimum wage law, and many, many others.

"Support some man who will help, or else you will be helping to elect Bramblett," Patterson advised.

### THE NEXT GOVERNOR

Patterson predicted that James Roosevelt will be elected governor next year and urged the need of electing assemblymen and congressmen who will give him definite help.

John McKay cited the activities of the labor group in Monterey as a good example, for at the last election there every candidate endorsed by labor was elected.

Ted Holland of Santa Maria spoke strongly for prompt political action, urging the necessity to "get a candidate" who will be fair to labor.

### ATTEND BARBECUE

The Tri-County League adjourned in time to attend as a group the meeting of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Central Committee at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hotel, San Luis Obispo. Following that session, at 1 p.m., the San Luis Obispo Democrats, headed by Mayor Tim O'Reilly, played host at a barbecue attended by about 250 persons, at the I.D.E.S. grounds, where James Roosevelt was guest of honor.

At 3 p.m. the barbecue group and others gathered at nearby Mission ball park to hear Roosevelt speak. There were about 1,000 present to hear his talk, also broadcast over the radio.

A major point made by Roosevelt was that in the past the

## Unions Await Start of New State Prison

With a number of unemployed union men to be placed on jobs, union officials in the Salinas area are awaiting the start of the \$10,000,000 state "medium security" prison project at Soledad.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 at Salinas, was to travel to the prison site on Monday to meet with officials of the general contracting firm, the M. & K. Corp., Frederickson & Watson, and Piombo Bros., of San Francisco.

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## LET US KEEP PENSION LAW

Among the many reasons why Californians should vote against repealing our present pension law is the provision in the repeal measure that the former pension law shall be put back where it was before the present law displaced it. This means that the pension law, if the repeal measure should carry, would again be changed from a provision of our state constitution to a statute law, which later could be changed by the legislature in any way our lawmaking body might take a notion to change it, without submitting it to a vote of the people.

This would again leave our old age pensions at the mercy of the California State Legislature. Although the proposed repeal measure provides for making the monthly pension \$75, as does the present law, the important distinction between what we now have and what the repeal measure would give us is that our present law is a part of the constitution, which cannot be changed without first having any proposed change submitted to a vote of the people at a regular or a special election, while the repeal measure being submitted as Proposition No. 2, would not be a part of the constitution and consequently pensions could be reduced from \$75.00 to \$50.00 or any other figure the legislature from time to time might decide on without a vote at any election. Present and prospective pensioners cannot afford to give this power to reduce pensions back to the legislature. Leave it where it is. Vote No on No. 2.

## LABEL WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Back in the thirties, when the sledding was plenty tough for both the unions and the millions of unemployed workers who had never belong to any union, an attempt was made by the union label department of the A. F. of L. to interest our various unions in the idea of setting aside a union label month in the spring of each year for the purpose of encouraging a systematic drive to stimulate the sale of goods bearing the union label of the various unions of the A. F. of L.

The idea has now shifted to such a drive during a one-week period, so timed as to connect with Labor Day of each year. Since the use of the union label was initiated to enable buyers to recognize goods, which has been produced by members of our unions, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of dollars being earned every day by people who are being paid union wages. To have one week each year set aside during which union people everywhere conduct a drive to buy union made goods is a splendid idea.

This union label week does not imply that members should forget their union label during the other 51 weeks of the year. On the contrary the idea underlying it all is that the pace set for buying union label goods during union label week should be adopted as the standard to guide them during the remainder of the year. As far as it is possible to do so union earned money should always be spent by buy union label goods.

## STUDY THE PROPOSITIONS

Every voter in the state of California will have an opportunity to vote for or against a number of proposals to be decided by the voters at a special election to be held November 8th.

Do not make the mistake of permitting yourself to be influenced by billboards or other propaganda mediums intended to swing your vote. Instead, get each proposition itself and read it carefully from start to finish. Use your own good sense to determine if you should vote for it or against it.

In past elections far too few voters have taken the time to read over the proposals that they are helping to decide with their votes. As a result they are readily swayed by what others may recommend and if measures have not even been read by the voter he often is in the dark on how to vote after he steps into the voting booth.

Reading or listening to discussions on measures to be voted on may be helpful and enlightening, but there is nothing that can take the place of your own reading of the actual proposal itself, because that is what will become the law, if it gets a majority vote, instead of what somebody says about it.

First of all be registered to vote, then take time off, if necessary, to study the proposals you will help to decide November 8, 1949.

How many union labels do you have on your person? Make a complete check-up on just where you stand. This is a fine test of your unionism.

If you don't happen to be registered at the place you now live take a special trip to the county court house tomorrow and have it attended to.

To be entitled to vote next Nov. 8th you will have to be registered 54 days before that time, which makes Sept. 14th the last day on which you can get registered for this year's November election.

## Bits Of Humor

"Hey, your shoes are mixed. You got the left shoe on the right foot!"

"Well, whadda ya know! And for 20 years I been thinking I was club-footed!"

Mother: "Now before you get serious with him, be sure he is always kind."

Daughter: "Oh, I'm sure he is; he told me he put his shirt on a horse that was scratched!"

Glamour Girl: "Why, yes, I'll endorse your cigarette for \$50,000."

Advertising Agent: "I'll see you inhere first!"

Old Lady—Here's a penny, my poor man. How did you become so destitute?

Beggar—I was like you, mum—always giving away vast sums to the poor and needy.

The sailor had just given his wife a beautiful skunk coat as a gift. "I can't see," she murmured, "such a fine coat comes from such a foul-smelling beast."

Wearily the sailor replied: "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I do demand respect."

Fortune does not change men; it only unmasks them.—Riccoboni.

"How do you keep your children out of the cookie jar?"

"I lock the pantry door and hide the key under the cake of soap in the bathroom."

"That modernistic artist says he can't paint a stroke if there is anybody around while he is trying to work."

"Well, be sure not to leave him alone for a single minute."

Fond mother (to sitter) — "Did you have any trouble with Junior? He usually is as good as gold."

Sitter—"Well, about an hour ago he went off the gold standard."

Always keep in mind that bad officials are often elected by people who didn't vote.

Joe Bean is one married man who always has the last word.—It is "Yes, dear."

She wears slacks, but in a manner to recall an old true: "The end justifies the jeans."

I like the silent pictures best, Their return I'd greet with a shout.

Ah, to see a woman open her mouth,

And never a sound come out.

A very exclusive nudist colony noted NO on the application of a candidate because she was tattooed.

"It's not just the work I enjoy," said the taxi driver, "it's the people I run into."

Little Jerry came down the stairs bellowing lustily. "What's the matter now?" said his mother.

"Papa was hanging pictures and hit his thumb with a hammer," said Jerry.

"That's not so serious," soothed his mother. "A big man like you shouldn't cry at a trifle like that. Why didn't you just laugh?"

"I did," sobbed Jerry.

"A kiss is the shortest distance between two points," says Irie.

An adult is a person who has stopped growing at both ends and started in the middle.

It was one of those nerve racking days every parent has experienced at some time or other. Betty had got a bean stuck in her nose; some unknown substance had to be removed from an ear; she had painted the family daschund with mom's lipstick; snapped a mouse trap on the tail of a neighbor's cat, and had put her teddy bear in the toilet and then flushed it.

Mother had coaxed, pleaded, admonished and scolded in vain. When Betty finally suggested that she'd be good for a nickel, mother was amazed then indignant: What manner of child was this she had nurtured which proposed bribery as the cost of good behavior. She was firm in her refusal and admonished the erring offspring thusly:

"For shame! Asking a bribe for being good. That trait comes neither from your mother nor your daddy. You must have inherited it from your uncle. And now young lady you listen to me. There will be no nickel for being good. I want you to be just like your daddy. He is good for nothing."

A hisp they say, is to call a spade a thpade. And that reminds me of the lisping shoe clerk who told his attractive customer:

"Thit down, pleeth, while I look up your thighs."

Nervous woman passenger (on bus): "Driver, that man sitting across from me is a lunatic. He keeps muttering he's George Washington."

Driver: "I'll take care of him." (Raising his voice) "All out for Mount Vernon."



"... and as a bonus for more work per hour they get a personal handshake from you, J. B."

## OUR GROUNDHOG WORLD

By Geo. Cartwright

## AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES

ACL Union-News, (Aug., 1949) informs us:

"How the FBI operates may be judged somewhat by the following incident that occurred in San Francisco June 30; Charles Cousins and Kenneth Parkyns arrived by plane from Australia to testify for the defense of the Tokyo Rose treason trial. When they alighted from the plane they were met by a Customs Inspector in uniform who stated, 'Will you come along with me, please?'

"He took them to the Customs office (even though they had cleared Customs in Hawaii) and turned them over to Elton Dunn and Fred Tillman, FBI agents. The agents falsely informed the men that Wayne Collins, defense attorney, had consented to the interview. Before they had gotten very far Mr. Collins burst into the office and liberated the Australians. He charged that the denton was unlawful.

"Obviously the Customs Inspector had been used to decoy the defense witnesses into the hands of FBI.

The Inspector had no business using his authority to hold the men for the FBI, but the Government will claim that the two acted voluntarily. In fact, the Bureau of Customs has already denied that there was an unlawful detention.

Indeed, on the advice of Mr. Tom DeWolfe, U. S. Assistant Attorney General, who is trying the Tokyo Rose case, no effort was made by Customs to get the story of the detention directly from the Australians.

The ACLU as asked for the departments' version of what happened, but the matter has now been referred to Washington for an answer."

ARITHMETIC VS. ECONOMICS

If a piece of land will rent for \$300 and annual tax is \$50, Landholders' net rent of \$250 at 5% is a safe value of \$5,000. That's capitalizing "Net Land Rent" by arithmetic.

In Economics, however, the buyers' prosperity or poverty decides the value. If home buyers or business lot buyers are impoverished the Landholder may find their condition prevents his obtaining the Land-Rent available when he became purchaser. His capitalized value fades as peoples' buying power departs, that's economics.

FATIDISM'S FUTILITY

Discuss our economic problems with any fatalist who is positive. Armageddon is around the corner, that God is His wisdom did not furnish humans with brains to solve their problems, that only washing the world with blood and fire will usher in justice, and you're driven to the conclusion that no matter how sincere your fatalist friend's beliefs, such folks discourage study that would make clear to all humanity that workers' poverty, enslavement and finally war and pestilence is rooted in Land Monopoly for which "Progress & Poverty" by Henry George, makes the remedy crystal clear.

GRAB-BAG DEMOCRACY

"Showing how truly democratic our democratic governments are, the grant to the European politicians includes an item of \$150 millions to guarantee American investors abroad against confiscation, currency devaluation and other political hazards"—analysis, N. Y.

N. B. — To above we may add some \$3,000,000 to make China safe for monopoly—gone down the sewer. Now add to above the re-

ported \$90,000,000 lend-lease to Britain to help British and U. S. Oil Companies buy oil concessions in Arabia; \$10,000,000 to Raisin Growers to sustain the value of farm mortgages, and as auctioneers say, "other items too numerous to mention" and we begin to believe the book that says, "charity covers a multitude of sins."

## WORLD WAR III INVITATION

"In Fact," 8-8-49, states: "Every day the U. S. press publishes on its front page every news item favoring the Atlantic Pact, rearmament of Europe, alignment of the West for World War III against the East. Everyone who is for war can make the front page."

But when one of America's greatest warriors, General Wainwright, denounced the Atlantic Pact as a war pact, he is buried or suppressed.

"The Atlantic Pact," declared Gen. Wainwright, addressing Disabled American Veterans, of which he is president "is a straight invitation to another war."

N. B.—If you own any steel corporation stock or bonds you may consider Gen. Wainwright's sentiments as a treasonable effort to prevent sale to taxpayers of \$1,450,000,000 of munition for Europe, that we pay for in addition to other small items heretofore mentioned.

## Doctors Put Pressure On Sick Patients!

You might even be lying flat on your back in the hospital when you hear the syrupy words many doctors throughout the country are preparing to feed their patients.

With the American Medical Association waging an all-out war against any form of national health insurance, doctors are being given "suggestions" to put pressure on their sick patients to write Congress against such a proposal.

As outlined by Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, the government plan would directly benefit virtually every person in this country by providing them with adequate medical care.

This is only one of the more shocking features of AMA's selfish drives against the welfare of the American people. Some papers have reported the news, but too many have ducked on pointing out that AMA is making a big business of its fight against this legislation. It has hired a California team of publicists for a \$10,000 fee. In addition, it is attempting to raise a \$3 1/2 million slush fund by a \$25 tax on its membership.

There's a good reason why papers aren't handling the full story. A few years ago, when these same publicity agents ran a campaign against a California health insurance bill proposed by Republican Gov. Earl Warren, paid ads were given to California newspapers. This "bribe" brought results, according to one of the lobbyists, "beyond anything we expected."

And maybe that's why papers are "keeping quiet" about AMA's move to stymie decent medical care for all Americans. They might be looking for their share of that \$3 1/2 million.

## Starving Millionaires!

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco. — Despite the means and groans of starving millionaires, the facts of life in 1949 reveal that this year the profits of all private corporations, after taxes, will be nearly double what they were in 1929.

Corporate earnings will be more than three times as high in 1949 as in 1939.

The 1949 profit figure will be more than one-half times 1941 earnings.

Corporations will earn more this year than in any one of the years during World War II.

Here are the corporate profit figures, after taxes, in billions of dollars. (Statistical source: U. S. Department of Commerce)

1929	\$8.4	1944	\$10.8
1939	5.0	1945	8.7
1940	6.4	1946	12.8
1941	9.4	1947	18.1
1942	9.4	1948	20.1
1943	10.4	1949	15.3

(Editor's Note. The 1949 figure, necessarily an estimate, is furnished by the President's Council of Economic Advisers.)

Probably the most important factor to spark the organization drive here was the labor reaction to the anti-closed shop constitutional amendment last fall. At that time, with only few unionists leading the fight, labor rallied to defeat the measure. On the positive side of the ledger was the passage of an FEPC act—a campaign which was pushed by AFL building trades workers and CIO miners.

Modern nutritionists, like grandmothers, believe spring greens to be good spring tonics, and advocate the use of wild greens as well as cultivated varieties.

## Unions Grow Fast In New Mexico

Albuquerque, N.M. — In New Mexico five years ago there were very few union members. Now, however, hundreds of workers are signing union cards every day.

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MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

With only a few days remaining before the opening of the Monterey County Fair and the California Centennial Celebration, Local 483 has been deluged with calls for extra help of all classifications. At this writing, we have no cooks, kitchen helpers or dishwashers available for the job calls. Neighboring locals, including several San Francisco Unions, have been called in an effort to get capable extra employees for this fall.

Contracts signed this week for Cam J. Regas and Sons in the fresh spinach pack, Dempsey-Hudson Company, frozen foods, Salinas lumber industry, Monterey lumber industry, all pick-up and delivery companies such as Pacific Motor Transport, Gilbarts, Coast Line, Clarke Bros., and Highway Transport. These agreements are on file in the office and copies may be had for any of those who are working in any of the above industries or company operations.

Produce drivers contracts have been printed in booklet form and are being mailed to all produce drivers in the area. Of course some drivers may not receive one, so if you do not receive one of these contracts in the mail, please come to the union office so that you may have one for yourself so you'll know what conditions you are working under. May we remind all our members that all contracts negotiated with the employers are mutually agreed to by the employers and the union and any conditions or any articles in the contracts are agreed to by the employer and the union and both have pledged themselves to be guided by the contract for a certain period of time.

Therefore, it often times happens that some supervisor or foreman who is not in on the original negotiations, interprets the agreement the way he sees it; or in some instances the supervisors do not read the agreements but only guess at what is in it. It is the duty of our membership to acquaint themselves with the contract under which they are working so that when such supervisors or foremen arbitrarily take the position that the contract or conditions should be a certain way, we can call to his attention the conditions the employer has agreed to and this creates over a period of time, the conditions where some foremen decide that the agreement reads his way and not the way it was intended to be. When the employer puts an agreement in writing with the union it is his intention to abide by it and it is up to each and every member to see that he does. Also that works the same way with the union members; when we make an agreement with the employer we give our word, and good, bad, or indifferent, we will live with the contract for a year and abide by its terms.

The AFL labor movement in the Salinas area has gone on record and has endorsed the annexation of Alisal to Salinas. This, of course, comprises all AFL unions in Salinas as well as our union. If and when annexation comes to our community, we will be able to work toward the end of getting heavy industry in the Salinas area where we will have work for our people the year around and not be dependent upon agriculture. This, of course, is a long range program but we will be working toward that goal. The working people will be most affected when and if this annexation comes about because we are so far in the majority in the area. It is important to us that this community work toward the end to provide jobs all year around at a good, standard wage so that we, the working people, may prosper. Of course this cannot be done unless we lend our votes, effort and time to this annexation. When this annexation vote comes about, be sure and cast your ballot on that date.

Have you been to the blood bank? If not, come to the office for information on how you can be a blood donor.

The answer to this very serious problem is not easy to find, and once found, will be tremendously difficult to implement. The accent in this area has been on construction of expensive rental units during the past three years. Investors' money has been used for the construction of motels, cabins, and "quonset" rent houses in the unincorporated areas—all of which are available or renting for very high rates. This may be satisfactory to our tourist friends, who visit here for a few days or weeks, and plan their budget accordingly. It is a real handicap, though, to workers who are invited here to make their living, and find that they just can't pay their way in this community because of this vicious rental situation. Perhaps you remember the slogan which helped elect our incumbent MIS-representative, E. K. Bramblett, to Congress in 1946? Billboards splashed "HOUSING NOW—NOT ALIBIS" after the Bramblett name. That was nearly four years ago. And what has Bramblett's contribution been toward the production of this housing? Less than nothing, if such a quotient is possible. He recently voted AGAINST the Administration's Housing Bill, which was passed by a large majority anyway. In a letter to this writer, Bramblett stated: "If I thought this bill would help to produce housing, I would vote for it. But I do not believe it will help at all, so I am going to vote against it." It is the privilege of a legislator to vote against bills which he feels are unworkable. However, in so doing he must accept a moral responsibility to come forth with a substitute bill which WILL produce the desired result. Has Bramblett done this? Despite his egoistic cries of "Housing Now—Not Alibis"—he has come forth with no legislation to make good his slogan. His entire voting record has been one of working AGAINST constructive legislation which seeks a cure to our problems, but he has brought forth no intelligent measures to substitute for the legislation he works against. A record of complete negation.

Secretary Andrade is finishing up his vacation and by the time you receive this issue he will be back on the job ready to carry on for another year. We hope he has had a grand vacation and we will all be interested to know "where are the fish?"

Remember to buy union-made goods and to patronize those places that display the union card such as gas stations and taxi cabs. Remember the following cabs are the only union cabs in Salinas paying union wages and conditions and if you need the services of a cab, call the following cab companies: Black and White, Checker, Packard, Salsas and Yellow. These are not scab cabs and are paying their drivers good, guaranteed union wages while other cabs that operate scab and non-union in Salinas do not pay any guarantee and leave it to the driver to make as little as he can and generally he is working 12 to 14 hours per day for five or six dollars. And as long as we patronize these scab cabs they will still be around. So ride in union cabs operated by members of this union.

Question: My son, a veteran of peacetime service, is drawing compensation for a service-connected disability due to spinal cord injury which has paralyzed his legs. Is he entitled to federal aid to acquire a specially designed home for wheelchair living?

Answer: A veteran of war or peacetime service with a permanent total disability due to service-connected spinal cord injury such as you mention may qualify for federal aid to acquire a home.

Question: My father was dependent on my brother who passed away while hospitalized by Veterans Administration. Is my father entitled to death compensation?

Answer: Your father may qualify for compensation if your brother's death was due to service. Compensation for a parent is \$48 per month.

Also buy your gas at the following places: Les Thompson, Front and Alisal; Firestone Stores, Monterey and San Luis; Sears in Valley Center, Deane on E. Gabilan; and Lamars, E. Market and Monterey. These places are 100 per cent union and are paying a good union wage. Remember, when you buy gas from any other stations but these, you are agreeing with the non-union operator that you believe in his low wages and that you do not want good wages for the members of our union. Try a

Question: I am receiving \$13.80 compensation every month for a service-connected disability. If I become permanently and totally disabled for causes not due to service, will I be entitled to compensation?

Answer: The dissolution of all prior marriages is essential in order to prove the validity of your marriage.

here, in the form of beautiful surroundings and good neighbors. But it takes much more than that to make life complete. We need also decent housing, and job opportunities which will enable us to pay our way. In both of these commodities our community is woefully short. And it is becoming increasing obvious that no one else is going to provide housing and job security for us. WE MUST DO THAT JOE OURSELVES. And we can do it, by pooling our strength and working together. We can begin the sponsorship of a Federal Housing Authority through our Central Labor Council, and other co-operative groups. We can keep after our city and county officials and make certain that they make honest attempts—successful attempts—to attract new business and commerce to our area, which in turn will mean new jobs for workers, and more money for the community. We can do these things, but they require intelligent planning, hard work, and lots of patience. Not from the organizational leaders only, but from each and every man and woman who has a stake in the future of our community. Let's start that ball rolling, and KEEP IT ROLLING until we have achieved our purpose—better living and enhanced security for every working family of the Peninsula.

the only way that we will ever obtain the construction of decent rental units which working families can AFFORD to rent. Private capital has proven during the past three years that it is completely disinterested in the construction of rentals for workers families with average or small incomes. Real estate interests, in a further shameful display of their greed, are even now attempting to start the ball rolling to de-control rents in our community—and thus grab more and more of the workers income in the form of rents. Working people ARE resisting this foul grab, and will continue to resist until the move is beaten down. But we can do MORE than merely resist. We can start our OWN BALL ROLLING—in the direction of a Federal Housing Authority for the Peninsula. It won't be easy to roll such a ball—local investors in real estate will fight such a move with all the money, inventiveness, and political power they control. And they control plenty of each item! For example, such interests control all of our local State and National Representatives—our State Senator and Assemblyman, and our MIS-representative in Congress. We can do this job despite all the opposition. WE MUST DO THE JOB if we are to make this a community where working people can live decently and within their means. For our community, in the final analysis, depends primarily upon the workers who earn and spend their money here—not just on the retired industrialists, black-marketeers, and big brass who come here in ever-increasing numbers to live out their remaining days in the peace and comfort of our Monterey Peninsula.

Your secretary firmly believes that our community has much to offer working people who settle

**L.A. Sheet Metal Wks.**

Los Angeles—Members of Local 108, Sheet Metal Workers International Association (AFL) unanimously okayed a new contract which increased their wages 10¢ an hour. The new agreement also provides a vacation plan and greater security for shop stewards.

Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. Take your union-earned dollars to a UNION place of business.

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such a ball—local investors in real

estate will fight such a move with

all the money, inventiveness, and

political power they control. And

they control plenty of each item!

For example, such interests

control all of our local State and

National Representatives—our State

# Provide Jobs in Spots, AFL Asks

Toronto, Canada.—In an optimistic report on American economic trends, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor urged a 3-point program to combat sporadic unemployment.

First, the council gave its endorsement to President Truman's directive that government agencies increase their purchases in communities seriously affected by factory shutdowns and unemployment.

Second, the council called upon Congress to approve the preparation of a "shelf" of public works projects which could be swung into operation promptly in localities needing a stimulus to business activity.

Third, the council emphasized the need of prompt congressional adoption on the pending housing bill which would authorize low-interest government loans to cooperatives and non-profit groups for the construction of moderate-rental apartments acutely needed by the nation's workers.

At the opening session of its mid-summer meeting here, the executive council hailed mounting evidence that business is picking up throughout the nation.

## BACKLOG INCREASING

AFL President William Green told his press conference that the council was especially gratified by reports that unemployment is leveling off and that the backlog of orders for manufactured products is increasing. The banner season in building construction, he said, is helping to revive industrial production generally.

Before adjourning its sessions here, the executive council will participate in shaping future plans for the 1950 congressional election campaign through the machinery of Labor's League for Political Education; review legislative developments affecting labor; formulate AFL's policies on the international labor front in connection with the forthcoming establishment of a worldwide organization of free trade union centers, and draft an annual report to the Oct. 3 AFL convention at St. Paul, Minn.

Because of the press of work, the council voted to hold regular night sessions in an attempt to wind up the meeting within one week.

The text of the statement issued by the council on economic conditions follows:

## DEPRESSION NEEDLESS

"The executive council is gratified by cumulative indications that business activity is increasing and

# Jobs Show Increase In Building Industry

Washington.—Construction employment totaled 2,149,000 in mid-July, scoring a 71,000 increase from mid-June, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

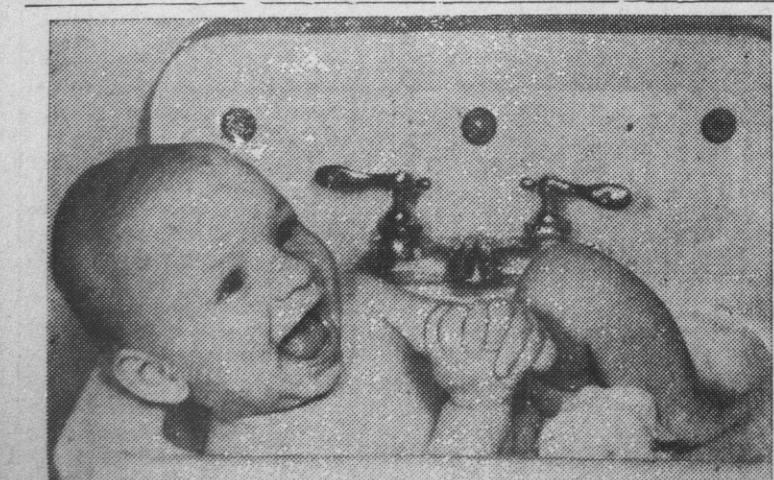
All sections of the country shared in the rise over the month with the largest gains reported in the Middle Atlantic and North Central states, the bureau said.

Compared with July, 1948, construction contractors had 70,000 fewer persons at work in mid-July this year. Employment was higher in the South Central and Middle Atlantic states, but all other regions were below the July, 1948, level, with the sharpest drops reported in the Pacific and South Atlantic states.

The value of new construction put in place during July totaled \$1,913,000,000, 10 per cent above June and 2 per cent above July, 1948. New monthly dollar records were established in July for privately financed public utilities, public educational and hospital facilities, and federal conservation and development work. Industrial construction was the only type of work to show an expenditure decrease from June.

Private homeowners spent \$700,000 on new nonfarm housing in July, a full \$100,000,000 jump from June. The most important June-July gain in public construction was a \$25,000,000 rise on highway work.

So far in 1949, new construction expenditures, totaling \$10,300,000, have surpassed last year's 7-month total by 3 per cent. Pri-



COOL SWIM ON TAP AT ALL TIMES—With the rest of New York sweltering in the mid-90 heat wave, 6-month-old Charles Vizthum, Staten Island, N. Y., is cooling off in his own private swimming pool. The kitchen sink seems made to order for Charlie, even though he can't swim around much.

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# Union Directory

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**BARTENDERS** 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4634. Pres. Virgil Clark, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 4533.

**BUTCHERS** 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenter's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres. Clark Bennett, 1209 1st Ave., phone 3417. Sec. Mrs. Agnes Courtwright, 1601 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, phone 5711. Hollister—Gillis Officers: Pres. Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392-3612; Sec. Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 20, Hollister, phone 4375.

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**BRICK MASON** 24—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays at 8:30 p.m. Pres. F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville, Sec. Fin. Sec. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 6745; Rec. Sec. Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 3715.

**BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY**—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8 p.m. Pres. William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, Rec. Sec. Harry Foster, Box 1422, 122 Vine St., phone 2-1722. Bus. Agt. Fred S. Miller, 440 Pajaro St., phone 6113. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 6744. Mailing address, P. O. Box 611, Monterey. Office hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**BUTCHERS** 586 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres. Eddie Capon, 709 Bardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6810. Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. C. Thorpehead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone 4632. Sec. Mrs. R. Robinson, 66 Viz Chulon, 6436, Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, phone 3711-M.

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**CULINARY ALLIANCE** 457—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres. Alvin Morris, 100 Main St., phone 4633. Bus. Agt. Mrs. Alma Ball, 140 E. Main St., phone 4633. Office: 117 Pajaro St., phone 6203.

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